



Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency

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Dear Supplier ,

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) last wrote to number plate suppliers in 2008 regarding the change in legislation extending the Register of Number Plate Scheme (RNPS) to Scotland and Northern Ireland and also the change to the regulations regarding non-compliant plates (so called 'show plates' by the industry).

Unfortunately, DVLA is still constantly receiving complaints from legitimate suppliers stating that they are losing trade and significant amounts of money to businesses that are supplying number plates without being registered as number plate suppliers. Most of these businesses are also selling non-compliant number plates, flouting the legislation, especially the businesses that sell via the internet.

DVLA are continually working to support compliant suppliers and have successfully prosecuted a number of errant number plate suppliers. We have also worked with enforcement bodies to enforce the scheme and, with the help of Trading Standards and police, we have achieved additional prosecutions against wayward number plate suppliers. However, DVLA are looking to the number plate industry for more self regulation, thereby helping their legitimate customers, in the sale of number plates and the supply of number plate making equipment, machinery and components.

As a major business in the supply of number plate equipment, DVLA would ask for your active cooperation in support of the enforcement authorities. If you supply equipment to make number plates, complete plates, or parts of plates to other suppliers for them to sell on, we ask you satisfy yourself that the business and outlets that you are supplying are registered (if they are required to be) and keep a record of the supplier's registration number. The end supplier of the number plate is responsible for checking identification, proof of entitlement and keeping sales records

I am sure that with determined collaboration between the major suppliers, DVLA, Trading Standards and the police we can work together to eliminate this rogue element within the number plate industry and support the legitimate trade.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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